

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12, and 21 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A cable end fitting retainer assembly for a vehicle comprising:

a conduit end fitting for connection to a flexible cable;

an end fitting retainer arm extending axially from said conduit end fitting for retaining a portion of the flexible cable in a predetermined position; and

a cable wire support extending axially from said conduit end fitting a distance less than said end fitting retainer arm and spaced radially from and located beneath said end fitting retainer arm to contact the cable.

2. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 1 including a hinge interconnecting said conduit end fitting and said end fitting retainer arm.

3. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 2 wherein hinge is a living hinge.

4. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said end fitting retainer arm has a raised portion.

5. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 4 wherein said end fitting retainer arm has a cavity extending into said raised portion to receive an end fitting of the cable.

6. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said conduit end fitting comprises a base portion and a conduit portion extending from said base portion.

7. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 6 wherein said base portion has a groove extending therein to receive a portion of an interior release handle.

8. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 6 wherein said conduit portion has a cavity extending therein to receive a cable conduit of the cable.

9. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 6 wherein said cable wire support extends axially from said base portion.

10. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said cable wire support includes a strengthening rib extending therealong to strengthen said cable wire support.

11. (WITHDRAWN) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said end fitting retainer arm has a projection extending therefrom to be received in a cavity of an end fitting of the cable.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A cable end fitting retainer assembly comprising:
a conduit end fitting for connection to a flexible cable;
a cable end fitting connected to the cable for connection to an interior release handle;
an end fitting retainer arm extending axially from said conduit end fitting for retaining said cable end fitting in a predetermined position; and
a cable wire support extending axially from said conduit end fitting a distance less than said end fitting retainer arm and spaced radially from and located beneath said end fitting retainer arm to contact the cable.

13. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 12 including a hinge interconnecting said conduit end fitting and said end fitting retainer arm.

14. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 13 wherein said hinge is a living hinge.

15. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said end fitting retainer arm has a cavity extending therein to receive said cable end fitting.

16. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein said conduit end fitting comprises a base portion and a conduit portion extending from said base portion.

17. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 16 wherein said base portion has a groove extending therein to receive a portion of an interior release handle.

18. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 16 wherein said conduit portion has a cavity extending therein to receive a cable conduit of the cable.

19. (ORIGINAL) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein said cable wire support includes a strengthening rib extending therealong to strengthen said cable wire support.

20. (WITHDRAWN) A cable end fitting retainer assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein said end fitting retainer arm has a projection extending therefrom to be received in a cavity of said cable end fitting.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An assembly for a vehicle comprising:

a release handle;

a latch;

a flexible cable interconnecting said release handle and said latch; and

a cable end fitting retainer assembly connected to said cable and said release handle comprising a conduit end fitting connected to said cable, an end fitting retainer arm extending axially from said conduit end fitting for retaining a portion of said cable in a predetermined position, and a cable wire support extending axially from said conduit end fitting a distance less than said end fitting retainer arm and spaced radially from and located beneath said end fitting retainer arm to contact said cable.